

**April 14, 2010**

**WASHINGTON, DC - On Wednesday, April 14, 2010** U.S. Rep. Michael A. Arcuri (NY-24) met with representatives of the National Association of Letter Carriers from Binghamton, Cortland Syracuse and Utica, NY at his Washington, DC office.

The letter carriers were in Washington as part of an annual trip to meet with Senators and Members of Congress like Arcuri to discuss a variety of issues. During the meeting with Arcuri, the letter carriers discussed their opposition to the United States Postal Service's proposal to reduce mail delivery from six to five days a week, eliminating Saturday street delivery.

Last week, the postal service took its proposal to cut Saturday delivery to the Postal Regulatory Commission, a required step before making any nationwide change to the postal service. Any changes then must be approved by Congress.

Arcuri opposes the reduction to a five-day delivery schedule and believes there are other means of cost savings that would not compromise jobs, including the restructuring of funding requirements for the Postal Service's retiree health care benefits and has taken the following actions:

- Cosponsored and voted to lower the FY-09 payment to the Postal Service Retiree Benefits Fund by \$4 billion and support lowering this payment again in FY-10;
- In March 2010, sent a letter to the Postmaster General to encourage him to keep the six-day delivery schedule; and,
- Cosponsored H. Res 173, which urges USPS to continue delivering mail six days a week.

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